

Appl. No. 10/064,774

Amd. Dated August 19, 2004

Reply to Notice of Allowance Dated 08/12/2004

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks. Claims 1-65 remain pending. Claim 1 has been amended herein to correct a minor error. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The issue fee has not yet been paid in this case. Applicant seeks to correct a clerical error in Claim 1. In the RCE filed by Applicant on July 30, 2004, Applicant amended the claims 1, 16, 30 and 45 to include the limitation "when in fluid communication with the wellbore." *See RCE, July 30, 2004, p. 12* ("Amended Claims 1, 16, 30 and 45 clarify that pressure equalization occurs for the annular pressure when in fluid communication with the wellbore and pore pressure when in fluid communication with the formation.") However, in the listing of the claims, Claim 1 erroneously recited "when in fluid communication with the wellbore wall." Applicant has amended Claim 1 herein to conform with the amendment of Claims 16, 30 and 45 and with the language set forth in the RCE. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment, and that no substantial additional work is required to remove the error.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 12, 2004. Payment of the issue fee is due November 12, 2004. It is believed that no fee is due for this

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response. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610

(Reference Number 20.2792).

Date:

8/19/04

Respectfully submitted,

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